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SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF SUB-GROUP ON ENRICHED URANIUM

SUPPLY (SEUS) OF STANDING GROUP ON LONG-TERM
COOPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY.

1. SUMMARY. FIRST MEETING OF SEUS, CHAIRED BY HERZIG (UK), WAS HELD JANUARY 7, ATTENDED BY 12 MEMBERS AND EEC. ABSENT WERE AUSTRIA, LUXEMBOURG, SWITZERLAND AND TURKEY. AMONG TOPICS COVERED WERE QUESTIONNAIRES ON URANIUM FUEL CYCLE AND PROJECTIONS OF NUCLEAR POWER GROWTH. US MADE STATEMENT ON READINESS TO HAVE US INDUSTRY EXPLORE COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT COOPERATION. NEXT MEETING OF SEUS SCHEDULED 8-9 APRIL. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPAN NOMINATED AND SUB-GROUP ELECTED HERZIG (UK) AS CHAIRMAN SUB-GROUP. MEMBERS PRESENT ACCEPTED TERMS OF REFERENCE (IEA/SLT/74(5)) ALTHOUGH SOME THOUGHT THEY WERE TOO AMBITIOUS.

3. BRIEF QUESTIONNAIRES PREPARED BY OECD NEA ON "NUCLEAR POWER GROWTH AND CORRESPONDING RESOURCES NEEDS" AND BY JOINT NEA/IAEA WORKING GROUPS ON URANIUM RESEARCH RESOURCES ON "THE URANIUM FUEL CYCLE" WERE DISCUSSED AND MODIFIED. BOTH QUESTIONNAIRES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO NEA BY 28 FEBRUARY 1975. GENERAL TONE OF MEETING CONFIRMED DOMINATING ROLE OF NEA IN ORCHESTRATING URANIUM RESOURCE ASPECT OF IEA PROGRAM FOR TIME BEING.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING AN INFORMAL MEETING WAS HELD OF THE GROUP WITH THE NEA REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE PROPOSED NEA URANIUM SUPPLY AND DEMAND QUESTIONNAIRES COULD BE MODIFIED TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE IEA. A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND ADDITIONS WERE AGREED TO WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE NEA INFORMATION BEING OF GREATER VALUE TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-GROUP ON URANIUM SUPPLY.

5. US REP REFERRED TO JULY 3, 1974 ECG REPORT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND IN THAT CONTEXT MADE STATEMENT CONCERNING US WILLINGNESS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPLORE COOPERATIVE VENTURES IN FIELDS OF RESEARCH, DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, ON CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MUTUAL & FINANCIAL INVESTMENT AND TRANSFER OF ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY.

6. IT WAS AGREED THAT RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRES AND CONSEQUENTLY PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS DERIVED THEREFROM SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO SLT WEEK OF APRIL 21, 1975. TO CONFORM TO THIS,

NEXT MEETING OF SEUS WILL BE HELD
APRIL 8-9 WITH CONTINGENCY MEETING APRIL 17 IF
NECESSARY. INTERIM REPORT ON FIRST SEUS MEETING WILL
BE MADE ON JAN 23-24 MEETING OF SLT.

7. CHAIRMAN HERZIG WILL CIRCULATE TO SUB-GROUP, IN
ADVANCE OF APRIL 8, A DISCUSSION PAPER SETTING FORTH
HIS IDEAS ON SUBSEQUENT TASKS OF SUB-GROUP (PARA 4
TERMS OF REFERENCE).
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